

District V Advisory Board Minutes

July 1, 2002

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The District V Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse at 335 S. 135th Street West. In attendance was the District V City Council Member, eleven (11) District Advisory Board Members including three (3) Youth Members. Six (6) City Staff were present and approximately forty (40) members of the public of which 37 signed the signup sheet.

Members Present

David Almes
Bob Bulman
Sean Cash
David Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Brendan Groves
Christina Kostecky
Margarita Farelle-Hunt
Debbie Scrafford
Teresa Schmidt
Bob Sorenson
Vice Mayor Bob Martz

Staff Present

Scott Logan, Public Works
Rob Younkin, Public Works
Capt. Terry Nelson, Police
Lt. Jeff Wieble, Police
Officer Robert Ahsens, Police
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

Listed on the last page

Members Absent

Amy Garcia
Fran Hoggatt
Andy Johnson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. **Vice Mayor Martz** welcomed guest, District IV Council Member Bill Gale. Vice Mayor Martz explained the purpose of the District Advisory Board as advisory to him as the Representative for City Council District V. He also said that the voting was limited to the Board Members only, even in tie votes, and that his opportunity to vote on issues would be restricted to the City Council Meetings. He acknowledged that many issues come before the Board that are emotional to members of the public but he asked that appropriate behavior be maintained at the meeting and that each individual speak only when acknowledged during the process.

Vice Mayor Martz then recognized the Youth DAB Members and the contributions they had brought to the advisory group through their participation and involvement. Each youth member was given a certificate of appreciation and gifts from the City as appreciation for their contribution. As Vice Mayor Martz recognized each, he noted the school represented and wished them luck with their individual plans for the 2002-2003 school year:

Brendan Groves, Maize High School, who will be a senior;
Christina Kostecky, Northwest High School, who will attend Kansas State University; and,
Debbie Scrafford, Bishop Carroll, who will attend Notre Dame.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes for June 3, 2002 were approved 8-0 as written.

Vice Mayor Martz stated that the agenda for the meeting would need to be amended to allow for a presentation on emergency services. The presentation is intended to inform DAB Members about the current issue on the inter-local contract with the County to improve emergency services in Wichita.

1. Consultant Recommendations for Inter-local Agreement on Emergency Services

Mike Rudd, Deputy Fire Chief, distributed handouts to the Board and provided background information on the issue. He explained that the past contract had united the City Fire Department and the Emergency Management Services (Sedgwick County) in a partnership-response to 911 calls for emergency service in Wichita. The emergency operations involves three (3) components of service: call takers who answer 911 calls & direct information to the appropriate agency; response agencies of Fire Department and Emergency Management; and the hospital Emergency Rooms. Approximately 40,000 alarms are received each year.

Rudd said that emergency responders are allowed to provide one or both types of procedures according to their emergency medical training, either advanced life support or basic life support. Advanced Life Support (ALS) services require the highest level of emergency medical training and involve airway management, circulation support of IV fluids, application of drug therapy, and defibrillation for advanced management of cardiac emergencies including early recognition of heart attacks.

Rudd continued by saying that ALS is the National Standard of Care for first responders nationwide. In all cities with populations over 215,000, fire departments are typically the first responders with 77% providing ALS First Response. He pointed out a bell curve graph in the handout showing the *average response rate*—the time between receiving the call and arriving at the location of the person needing care—for the City's Fire Department as approximately two (2) minutes while the *average response rate* for EMS is five-six (5-6) minutes.

Maps included in the handout were explained by Rudd as a contrast in the response coverage with the current services and the anticipated greater response if each fire station would have one paramedic on duty to provide ALS service. Based on the expected improvement in service for the citizens, the consultant recommended a team approach with paramedic services made available through both Fire & EMS rather than the current approach of only EMS paramedic services.

Rudd answered the following questions from **DAB members** :

- What would be the priority for the change? Training - paramedic training and team response training
- What is the reason for the difference in response times? Number of stations for Fire vs. EMS
- How many paramedics would be needed? Approximately 60-65, or one per Fire & EMS stations
- What equipment would be needed and how much would it cost? Trucks would need to be equipped with specific emergency equipment at approximately \$25,000/truck for a total of \$400,000.
- Would an increase in compensation be given to Fire personnel who become certified as paramedics? Yes, paramedics would be placed at a higher pay grade.
- Would the City utilize personnel from EMS who are trained paramedics? Yes, with cross training where schedules allow.
- Would the funding come from both the City and the County? The County is recommending different use of the current funding.

A member of the audience asked Rudd if this was a turf battle to which **Rudd** stated it was a recommended change to the 14-year old contract made by the City's consultant. **Vice Mayor Martz** stated that the change should provide better & faster services to the citizens without raising taxes. The improvements would be accomplished by making Advanced Life Support personnel available at every Fire Department station 24 hours/day, seven (7) days/week.

Action: Received and filed. No action required

2. Update on Proposed Mountain Bike Trail at Pawnee Prairie Park

Vice Mayor Martz reminded members of the public that the committee recommendation regarding the Oz Bicycle Club's request to establish a mountain bike trail in Pawnee Prairie Park was deferred until the August meeting. He noted that at least three members of the committee were in attendance to answer questions and asked that the committee members meet with anyone interested in the adjacent room to address questions & progress.

Public Agenda

3. Scheduled items

Traffic concerns -Windwood Homeowners Association

Paul Wiebe, Amy Wurtz, and Roger Klocke, board members of the Windwood Homeowners Association (HOA), presented the following issues regarding traffic safety, especially for the children in their neighborhoods. The HOA is located in the general area of west of Maize Road from the Maize and Westport intersection.

1. Speeding on Westport Street
2. Disobeying the stop sign for east-bound traffic on Westport at Lark
3. Driving through homeowners' yards adjacent to the intersection (Westport curves through the area including at the intersection of Westport & Lark.)

The presentation also included proposals for addressing the traffic issues including:

1. Additional stop signs at the intersection of Westport & Lark for traffic heading west on Westport and south on Lark to make the intersection a 2- or 3-way stop.
2. Adding medians at the intersection to slow traffic but allowing adequate space for emergency vehicles. The HOA also offered to maintain the medians if the City would install them.
3. More police presence in the area.

Concerns were also expressed for the number of accidents at the Maize & Westport intersection. Staff replied that the City had applied for state funding to construct turn bays at this intersection. **Ediger** asked where the traffic appeared to be coming from to which the HOA members stated from the areas west and north of Windwood as well as Windwood residents. **Vice Mayor Martz** stated that the typical action for a first-time issue at the DAB is to bring together staff from appropriate departments to identify and collect information pertinent to the situation and meet to review in an effort to consider alternatives for recommendation. **Vice Mayor Martz** noted that one of the City's traffic engineers, Scott Logan, was present and asked Logan if he had any input at this time. **Logan** confirmed that the City had applied for state funding for 2004-2005 to construct turn bays on Maize Road at Westport. In relation to the Westport & Lark intersection, Logan said that in certain situations, the speed could be

reduced 3-5 miles per hour. Community Police Officer Bob Ahsens was asked to provide requested information as he had been working with the neighborhoods. Ahsens reported that he agreed with the HOA's concerns. Wurtz asked for the information on the accidents reported at Westport & Maize but the information had not been collected. However, Captain Terry Nelson did explain the meaning of a "reportable accident," saying that it must meet one of the following conditions: damage greater than \$500; injury involved; Driving Under the Influence (DUI) involved; or, vehicles are not moveable. Wurtz asked how the address of the accident is determined to which Nelson said that the officer determines the point of contact and reported as the address.

Vice Mayor Martz directed staff to collect the necessary information and begin the process of determining possible alternatives to report at the September 9th DAB meeting. He asked that the HOA be kept informed and involved where possible.

Action: Staff will examine the situation & explore possible resolutions to present at the September 9th meeting.

4. Off-agenda items

Vernon Deines, Breezy Point resident, expressed concerns regarding the new bridge on Maple Street just west of 119th Street. He said that it appeared to be hindering the flow of the water and causing it to become stagnant. He suggested that the water levels of the lake and under the bridge be examined, as the lake appeared to be lower, preventing movement under the bridge. **Vice Mayor Martz** asked staff to contact Storm Water/Public Works about the issue.

Clete Dold, 218 S. Breezy Point Circle, asked why the construction of Maple Street between 119th & 135th Streets had halted. **Vice Mayor Martz** speculated that a variety of reasons could impact construction. **Bulman** noted that according to the Public Works weekly update report, completion date for the project was August 30th so construction appeared to be well ahead of schedule.

Action: Staff will make inquiries to appropriate departments and contact citizens with information.

Public Works

5. Improvement District

Rob Younkin, Public Works, presented a proposal for an improvement district in the additions of Ernest Jordan and West Maple Gardens, located generally between University & Taft and Brummett & Julia. The Ernest Jordan Addition includes one (1) lot while the West Maple Gardens Addition includes four (4) lots in the proposal. The developer-owner of Lot 1 of Ernest Jordan Addition has requested the improvement district.

Mike Novy, property owner of Lot 4 in West Maple Gardens, stated that he was opposed to the improvement district as his garage is built on Lot 4—part of the proposed improvement district--while his house is on Lot 5—not part of the proposed improvement district. His house already has City water but he doesn't see the need to have water to his garage. He pointed out some cost issues associated with the proposal that he didn't think seemed fair including the developer's cost that would be regained in the sale of the lots.

Sorenson asked about the difference in using a majority petition of the residents by square footage versus majority petition of the number of property owners. He noted that this is a common issue for the public and the DAB when these proposals are presented and clarification is needed about when each is used. **Younkin** replied that the question was not clear. **Bulman** asked how resident owners were counted and **Vice Mayor Martz** referred Younkin to the information provided by Public Works on resident owners for the estimated assessments. At that point, it became apparent that the information provided to the DAB members and the information being presented by Younkin was different.

Vice Mayor Martz asked that the item be deferred until the August DAB meeting and that consistent information be provided by Public Works for the DAB review.

Action: The proposal for an Improvement District in the identified additions will be presented at the August 5, 2002 District Advisory Board meeting.

(The Agenda Item #4, Housing Project proposal, was deferred by the developer until a later meeting.)

Staff Presentations

6. Community Police Report

Community Police Officer Robert Ahsens, Beat 19, which includes the area north of Central along Ridge Road. Ahsens stated that he was reporting on general concerns for Beats 16, 18, & 19. He first noted that the incident of cars driving through property owners' yards as reported by the Windwood HOA Board Members for the Westport & Lark intersection is known as "yard farming" and is a common occurrence in the district. He also stated that other types of vandalisms previously reported continued as well as larcenies from cars with items such as purses, radios, and any other valuable items being taken. Many times the cars are left unlocked in a driveway, making access easy. In Beat 19, approximately 40-60 incidents have occurred, stated Ahsens. Burglaries from garages at homes with garage doors left open also occurred in the Reflection Ridge area. Car lots on Kellogg had also been vandalized, said Ahsens.

Dennis asked about a funeral procession on Maple in which three vans were used to halt traffic by driving toward the oncoming traffic in the opposite lanes. **Vice Mayor Martz** asked Captain Nelson if he could respond to this as the incident had been reported at several DAB meetings in the past.

Captain Nelson said that the County took over authority for vehicles allowed for non-emergency use such as funeral processions several years ago. He said that the County authorizes personnel with such businesses to operate vehicles outside the normal driving rules. He gave an example of one such company known as Ambassador. **Vice Mayor Martz** said that he would look into the situation with the County Commission.

A citizen stated that speeding traffic seemed to be a problem on Maple between 119th & 135th even with it being a construction zone. Captain Nelson stated that he had particularly observed the area as he takes the route home each day but that he would ask officers to be aware of the concern. Bulman asked Ahsens if any action had been taken on the cars being offered for sale and parked in the vacant lot on West 21st Street. He said the lot is located east of Maize Road next to the donut shop and tanning business on the north side of the street. Ahsens said he would look into the issue.

Vice Mayor Martz thanked the Police for the report and for addressing the issues presented. He said that it is very helpful to have them present at the DAB meetings.

Action: Received and filed

Board Agenda

7. Updates, Issues, and Reports

The opportunity was provided for the Council Members and the District Advisory Board Members to report any activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District.

Vice Mayor Martz

Grant Application Review

The grant application submitted by Hickory Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) was previously sent to Board Members in their agenda packets for review. The application requested assistance of \$2072.28 for a flagpole, flag, and spotlight to enhance their beautification project for the median

leading into the HOA area. The application had been determined eligible by City Manager's Office staff as it met the criteria of involving the HOA community, improving the neighborhood, provided adequate financial match, and indicated readiness to begin the project. The proposed project included match of \$7,062.91 for plantings, repair to waterfall, preparedness for wiring, and contribution of time by HOA members. The Board Members scored the proposed project on information provided for each criteria section as instructed and average scores were determined to be 82% of the total points possible. The decision was made to award the Hickory Creek Homeowners Association the full amount requested.

Action: Award grant of \$2,072.28 to Hickory Creek Homeowners Association for a beautification project.

Information Session & Tour at Cowskin Creek Reclamation Facility (Northwest Sewer Treatment Plant)

Vice Mayor Martz reported on the Information Session & Tour at Cowskin Creek Reclamation Facility (Northwest Sewer Treatment Plant) on June 25, 2002. He also asked those DAB Members who attended to provide comment. All agreed that the facility would be a special asset to the community with a state-of-the-art water treatment system as well as providing education & recreation opportunities. Vice Mayor Martz also reported on a recent clean up at Cowskin Creek at the Reclamation Facility site.

Action: Received and filed.

Vice Mayor Martz announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board V will be August 5, 2002 at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20. Refreshments were served in recognition of the Youth DAB Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, District V
Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Paul Weibe, 10601 Westport 67212
Roger Klocke, 1860 N. Lark Ct. 67212
Vernon Deines, 1305 Breezy Point Circle 67235
Elmer & Janne Schmitz, 302 S. Limuel Ct. 67235
Mike & Jan Novy, 6933 SE. 100th Ave, Murdock Ks 67111
Joan & Bob Wilson, 1820 N. Lark Ct. 67212
Brad Farrell, 1888 N. Lark Circle 67212
Jack Russell, 12518 Ridge Point Circle 67235
Bill & Toni Wenger, 15301 W. 13th 67052
Steve & Matika Heibel, 10601 Westport 67212
Cindy Mullen, 6718 N. 135th W. 67030
Gary Swartz, 10021 W. Prairie Woods 67209
Ellen Querner, 1117 N. Roosevelt 67208
Jon & Sara Rueschhoff, 201 Maple Dunes 67235
Jim Downing, 10509 Westport 67212
Jim & Susie Carter, 10413 Westport 67212
Terri Fry
Amy Wurtz, 1828 N. Lark Ct. 67212
Rita Kirkbride, 1824 N. Lark Ct. 67212
Al Wilson, 1832 N. Lark Ct. 67212
Betty Ladwig, 406 N. Jaax Ct. 67235
Tim Casey, 2407 Yellowstone 67212
Debbie Wiebe, 10606 Westport 67212
Clete Dold, 218 S. Breezy Pt. Circle 67235
Geo Kilbame, 10505 Westport 67212
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Ann Godfrey, 1844 N. Lark Ct. 67212
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Mervyn Bayne, 1848 N. Lark Ct. 67212
Brent & Debbie Groves, 9903 Jamesburg 67212